William & Mary

**2025-2026 HOUSING APPLICATION for AFRICANA HOUSE (Landrum 1st Floor)**

This application should be completed and submitted to Dr. Chinua Thelwell, A-House Faculty Advisor by email: [cathelwell@wm.edu](mailto:cathelwell@wm.edu). Please contact him directly for further information.

Africana House is a living and learning community that promotes awareness of and explores the scholarship on the history, cultural traditions, political, and economic circumstances that together define over 1.2 billion people of African descent. This community (limited to 42 students) is intended to broaden the learning experience at W&M beyond the traditional classroom, while providing a smaller village-like setting within the larger university in which students live and work together with the guidance of the Africana House faculty advisor, the Africana Program Graduate Student Event Coordinator, and the live-in Africana House Student Coordinator.

* **Tuesday, January 21, 2025-** 2025-2026 Housing Application Opens for Returning Student Room Selection
* **Friday, January 31, 2025** – Africana House Applications from students are due to the Africana House advisor, Chinua Thelwell
* **Monday, February 3, 2025** – Applicants will be notified about their status
* **Thursday, February 6, 2025** – Deadline for students to email acceptance statements to Chinua Thelwell
* **Tuesday, February 11, 2025** – Housing contracts due to participate in the Returning Student Room Selection process. All students, including Africana House participants, must have accepted their housing contract on the 2025-26 Housing Application on the Housing Portal by this deadline to participate in the room selection process
* **Thursday, February 13, 2025** –Returning Student Room Selection time slot email notification for the following week
* **Monday, February 17, 2025** MORNING – Africana House student online Room Selection

All interested students are invited to apply.

Application Requirements:

1. Provide a paragraph-long TYPED statement of intent: Please state why you wish to live in the Africana House.

2. Please make sure your application is complete and signed.

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

WM Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

First Name, MI: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_Male \_\_\_\_Female

Current Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Classification for academic year 2025-26: Sophomore Junior Senior

Current Room Assignment (Building and Room): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Off-Campus Address (If currently off-campus): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

VERY IMPORTANT! YOUR WM E-MAIL ADDRESS WILL BE THE MAIN SOURCE OF COMMUNICATION. Use your WM email address only.

Please indicate which house(s) you are applying for in order of preference (1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices). Only select one as your 1st preference:

\_\_\_\_\_ Africana House \_\_\_\_\_ Global Village \_\_\_\_\_ Mosaic House

Do you plan on applying to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Year Abroad (2025-2026)

\_\_\_\_\_ Fall Semester (2025) Abroad Program

\_\_\_\_\_ Spring Semester (2026) Abroad Program

\_\_\_\_\_ Resident Assistant/ Position (2025-2026)

\_\_\_\_\_ Africana House Student Coordinator (someone who likes socializing and will help with event planning) (2025-2026)

If you currently live in the Africana House, have you attended the following programs?:

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not currently live in the Africana House

\_\_\_\_\_ Welcome back pizza party on Sept 4 (yes/no)

\_\_\_\_\_ Puff Puff Workshop on Sept 25 (yes/no)

\_\_\_\_\_ Scary movie night on Oct 30 (yes/no)

\_\_\_\_\_ Get together event on Nov 20 (yes/no)

\_\_\_\_\_ December event TBD (yes/no)

Roommates

Do you have a preferred Africana House roommate for next year?  \_\_\_\_Yes  \_\_\_\_No

If yes, please provide their name and W&M email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you have listed a preferred roommate, would you only accept an A-House invitation if both of you receive a first-round offer to live together in the Africana House?  \_\_\_\_Yes  \_\_\_\_No

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FERPA Releases for Africana House Roommate and Participant Information

* Do you give consent to Africana House staff to share your name and W&M email address with potential Africana House roommates as part of the roommate matching process?   \_\_\_\_Yes  \_\_\_\_No
* Do you give consent to Africana House staff to share your name and W&M email address with other Africana House program participants?   \_\_\_\_Yes  \_\_\_\_No

Relevant Background

List Africana Studies courses taken:

List Previous International Travel or Study (include dates):

References (Name of W&M Professor or Instructor who could assess your motivation):

Please state your outside interests and talents (musical, artistic, organizational, etc):

STATEMENT OF REQUIREMENTS:

Please be sure to READ AND INITIAL the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I sign a Housing Contract to live in the Africana House, I will not be able to participate in the "Room Selection Process". If I decide that I would like to move to other campus housing, I will be offered space elsewhere on campus only after all other students paying their deposits are housed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I hereby pledge to register for the 1-credit pass/fail course, to be fully committed to the purpose of the Africana House, and to be an active contributing resident and support all programs.

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**Please attach your statement to the application.**

For Office Use Only:

Date of Interview: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dept. Approval: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Not Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Concentration (if undecided, please indicate current interest): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_